

REMARKS

The English text filed on January 14, 2005 is now believed to have been an English translation of the priority document and not an English translation of the above-identified application. The error in filing the incorrect English text on January 14, 2005, occurred without deceptive intent and is believed to have been an inadvertent error.

The attached English text of the specification is believed to be a translation of the above-identified application. The undersigned is not conversant in French and is filing the attached as the English text of the above-identified application based on information provided by the applicants foreign attorney.

The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees, based on the claims of the above-identified application and the Preliminary Amendment filed January 14, 2005.

No new matter has been added.

The requisite Declaration is attached.

An Assignment and appropriate cover sheet are attached for recordation of the Assignment. Recordation and return of the recorded Assignment are requested.

Acceptance of the attached drawing, or specific objection or rejection of the same, is requested.

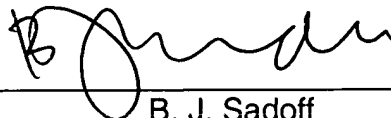
An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

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